



Mesa Grande Band of Diegueño Mission Indians

Elected Executive:

Chairman: Virgil Oyos



Environmental Director: Darrel Langley

Land Base: 1,803 Acres

Primary Economy: Tribal government

Population and Poverty (2010 Census): 98 residents live on the reservation; 56.8% of which live below the poverty line.

Educational Attainment (of persons over 25): 65.3% have at least a high school diploma. 2.1% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.

EPA Funding (2016-2017):

GAP	\$149,280
Water (106)	\$50,000
Total	\$199,280

GAP Activities

The Tribe used GAP funds in FY15 to draft a TAS eligibility packet for CWA 319. EPA is currently reviewing and communicating with the Tribe about eligibility in FY16. Other tasks include: determining the need for an air quality program and drafting a drought contingency plan. The Tribe's EPA/Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP) will be signed by EPA in FY16.

Contact: Destinee Cooper, 415-972-3790



Approximate Location of Tribal Lands

Water Quality

The Mesa Grande Band has been receiving CWA 106: Water Pollution Control Program funding since 2008. Under this program, the Tribe analyzes and monitors tribal surface and groundwater as well as performs outreach and education. The Tribe is currently applying for Treatment in a similar manner a state (TAS) under the CWA 319 program: Nonpoint Source Management Program. This program will provide funding to implement best management practices to improve the water quality on the Reservation.

Contact Danielle Angeles, 415-972-3441

Grants

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Overview

The Mesa Grande Reservation is located in eastern San Diego County, California, near Santa Ysabel. Founded in 1875, the reservation is 1,803 acres (7.30 km²) large. It is positioned on a high plateau more than 3,500 feet above Black Canyon, in an especially beautiful area next to the Cleveland National Forest. Many residents farm, raise livestock, or commute to work in nearby towns.



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